

Florida Occupant  
Protection Task Force  
Meeting  
September 5, 2018

# Florida Occupant Protection Uniform Traffic Citation Information

Florida's Uniform Traffic Citation data system is available online

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/courts/utc>

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# STATE TOTALS - 2016

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We have looked at the following:

- 1) Trends in citations by law enforcement agency types
- 2) Citation rates and trends by Designated Market Areas (DMA)
- 3) Dispositions for violations

PLEASE DO NOT  
"JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS"



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# Some Background Info



The number of  
licensed drivers  
in Florida is  
increasing

Approaching  
17,000,000  
licensed drivers



The number of vehicle miles traveled is also increasing\*

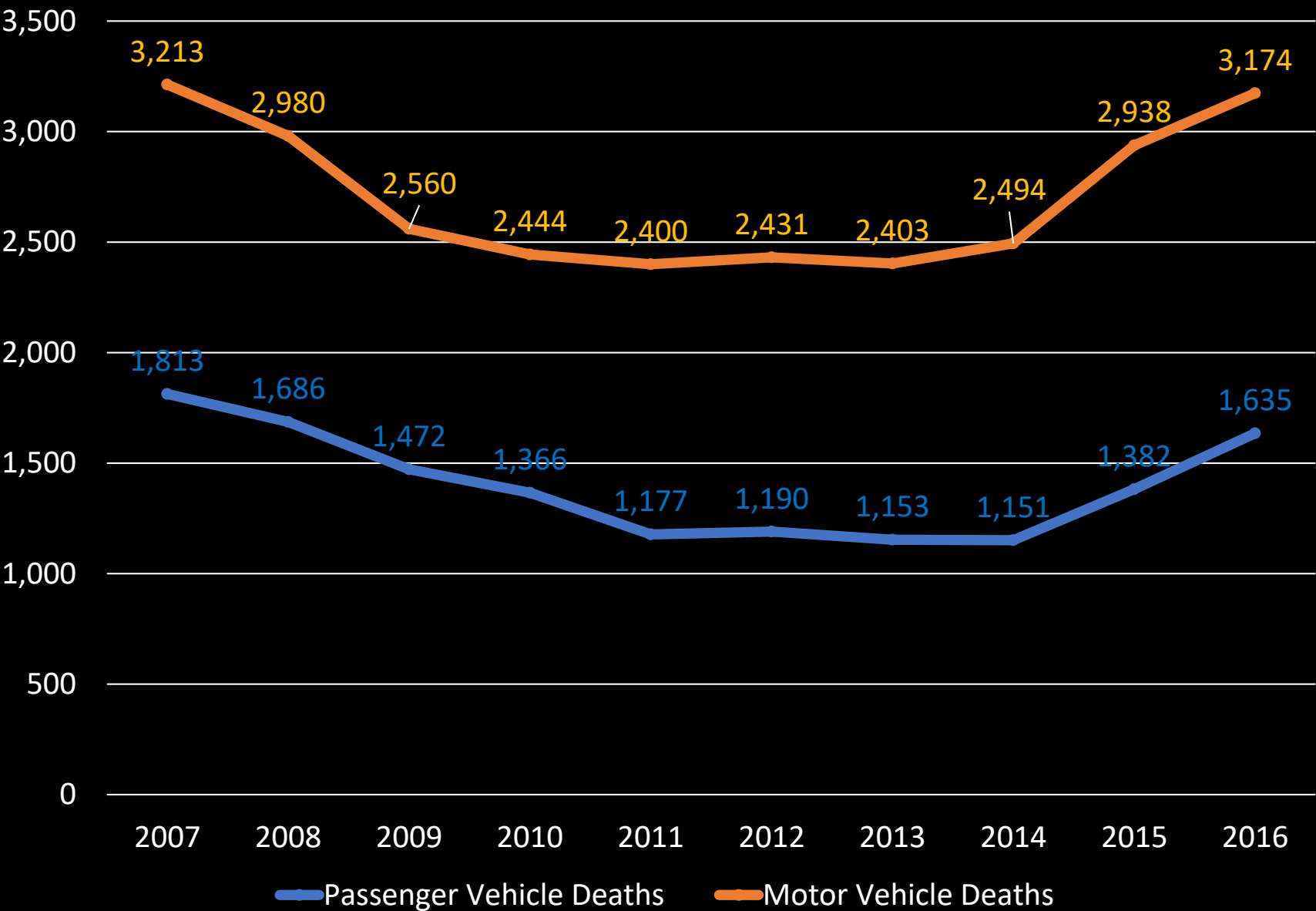
Approaching 220 billion miles per year in 2016

\*in millions



The number of fatal motor vehicle crashes is increasing

The number of passenger vehicle occupant deaths has increased





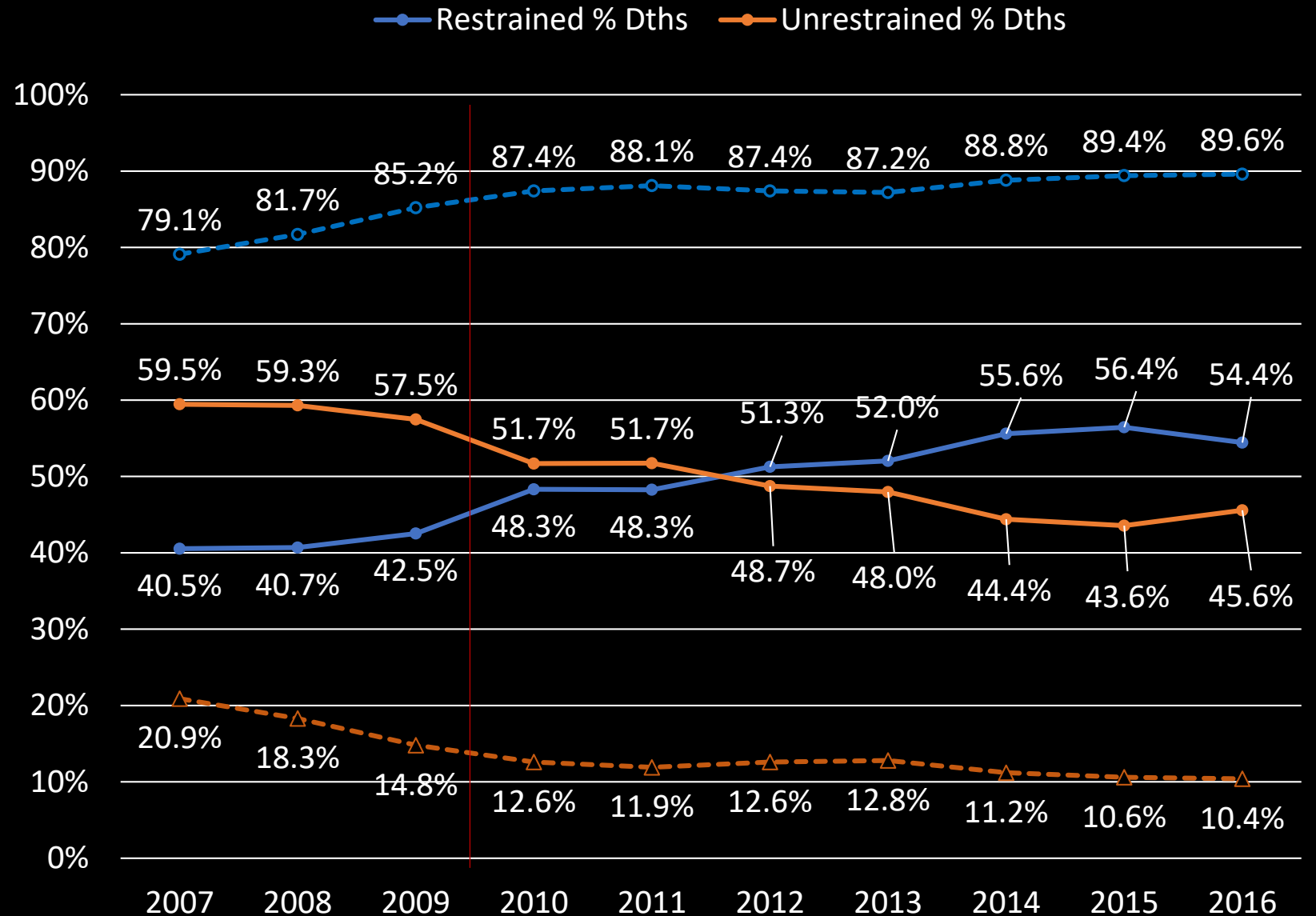
What's going on  
inside passenger  
vehicles?

Both restrained  
and unrestrained  
fatalities are up  
since 2014



**Observed restraint  
use is up**

**Proportion of  
occupants killed that  
are buckled is up**



## QUESTION

So why ask law enforcement officers to issue traffic citations?

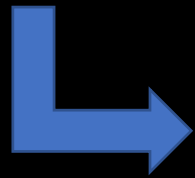
ANSWER

Because it is a proven  
countermeasure

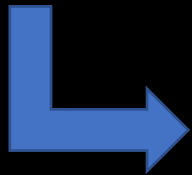


High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) can quickly boost restraint use

ENFORCEMENT + PUBLICITY



Increased Awareness/Higher Perceived Risk



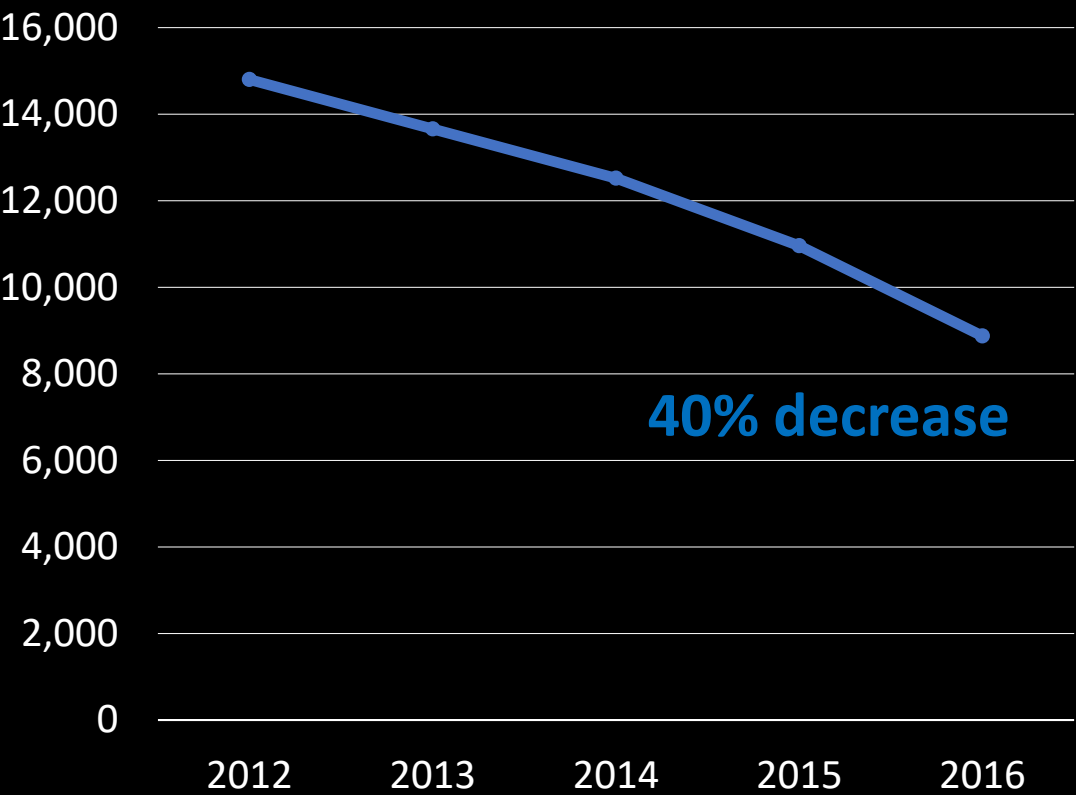
IMPROVED USAGE

So what are the Uniform Traffic Citation data telling us?

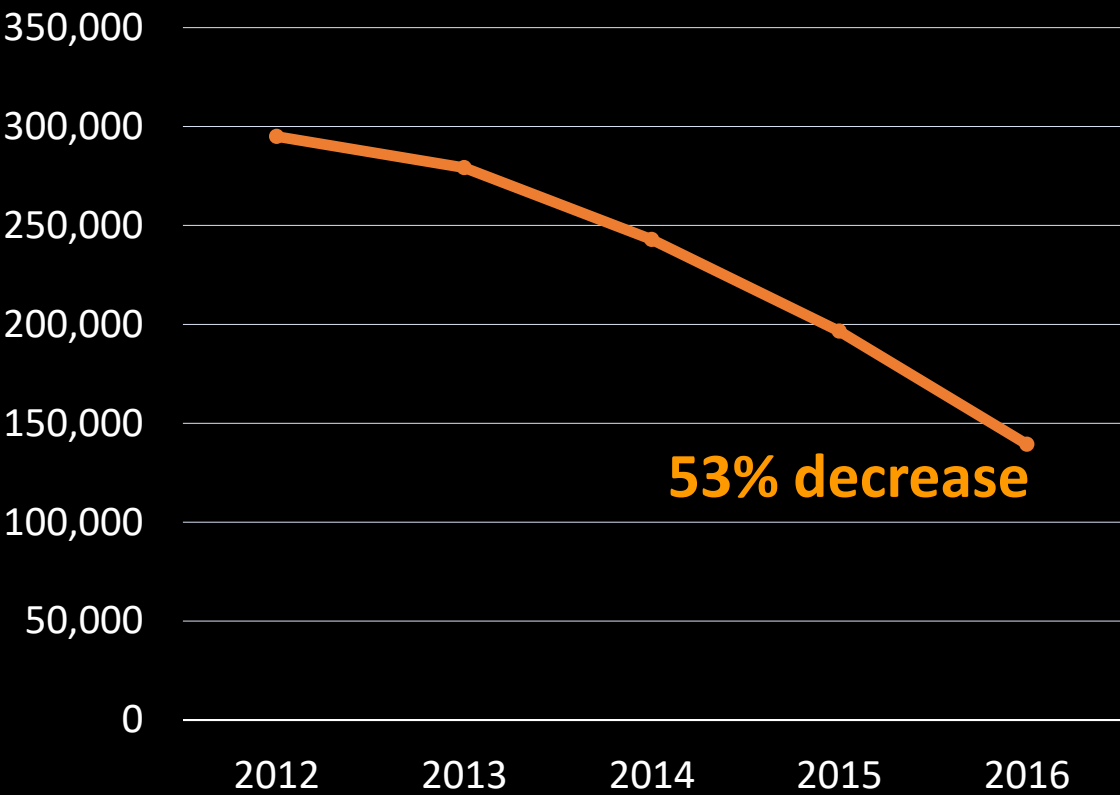
Answer

Annual numbers of citations is trending downward

# Child Seat Citations: 2012-2016



# Belt Citations: 2012-2016

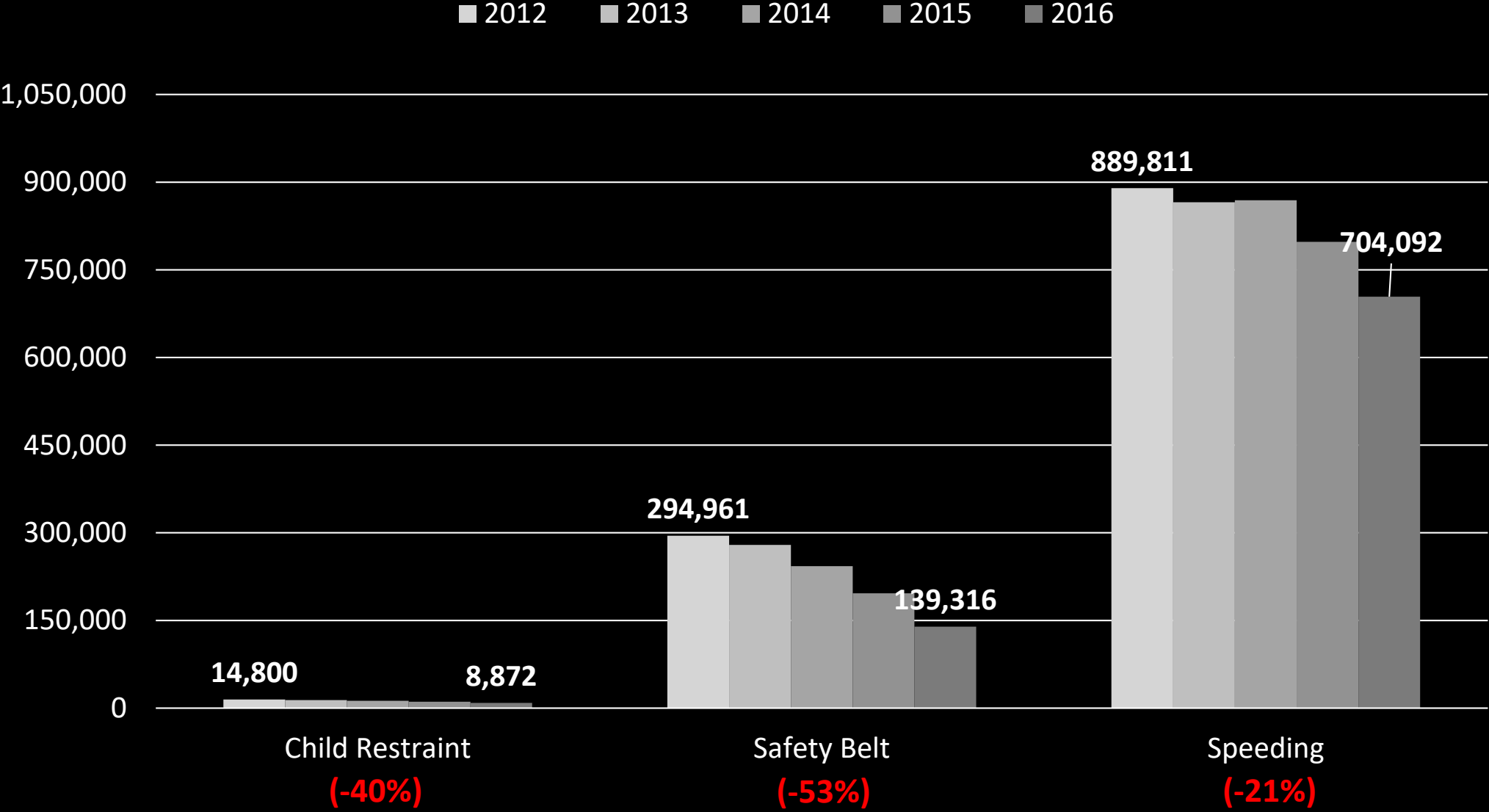


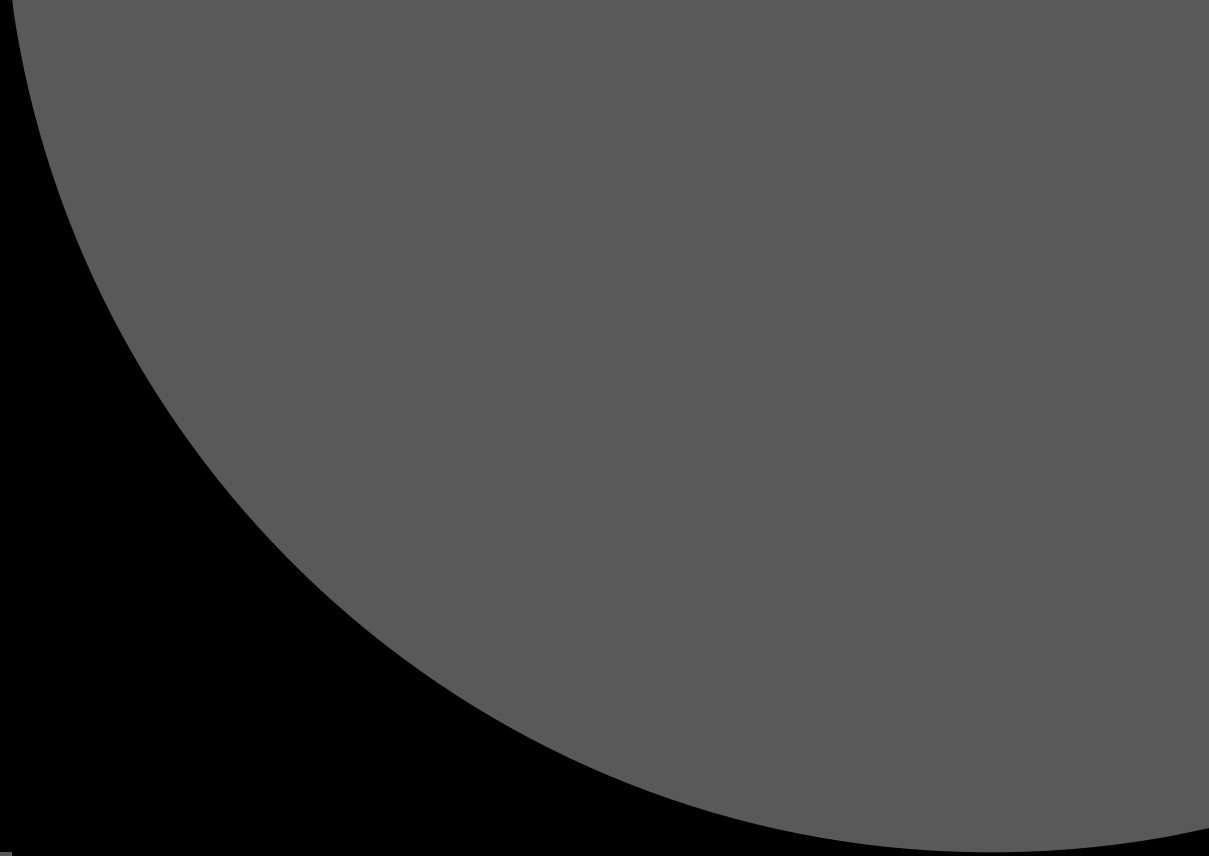
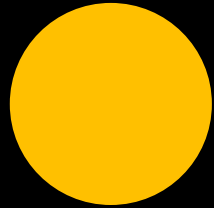
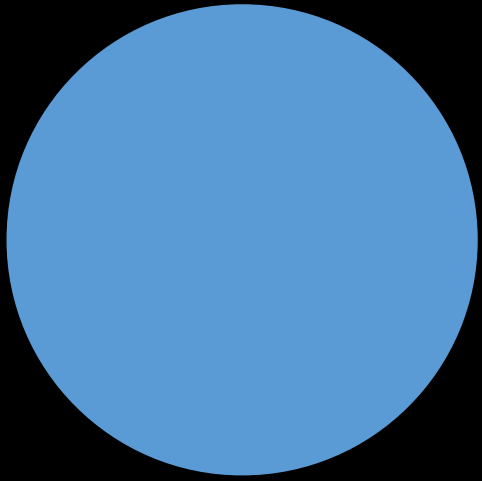


## Speeding Citations: 2012-2016



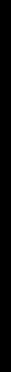
# Trends in Traffic Citations





Decreased traffic enforcement is not  
happening only in the state of Florida

Citation numbers are down nationwide

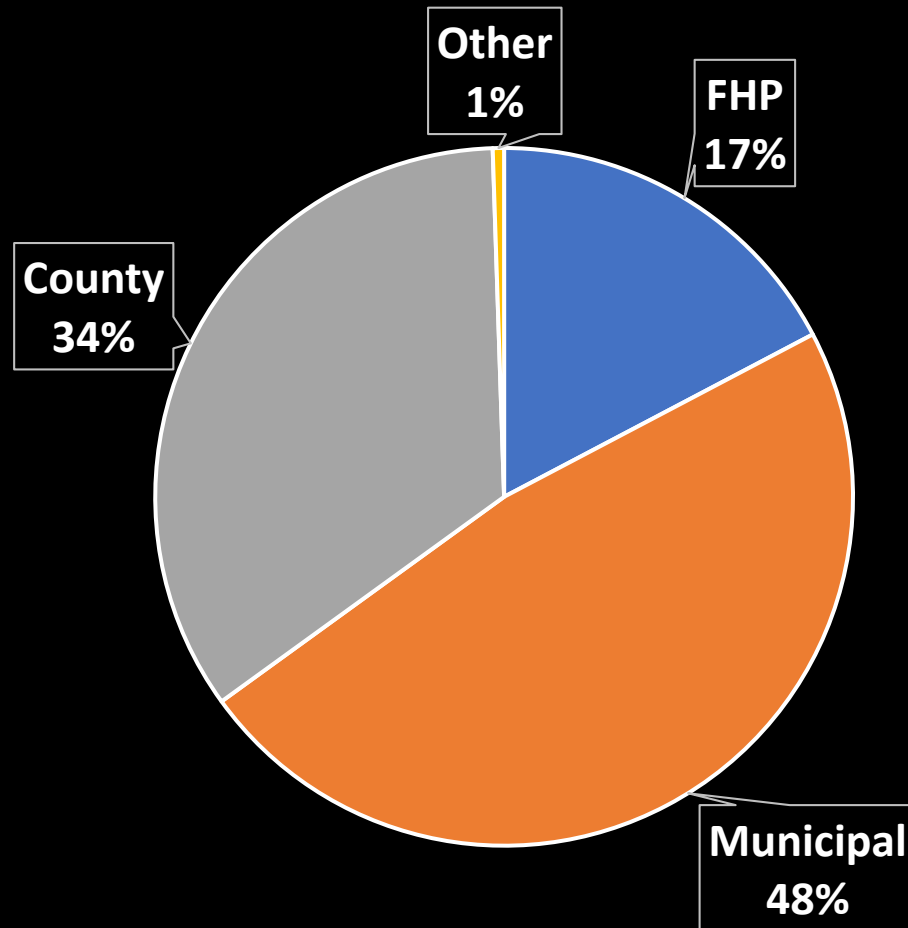


# Digging deeper into UTC

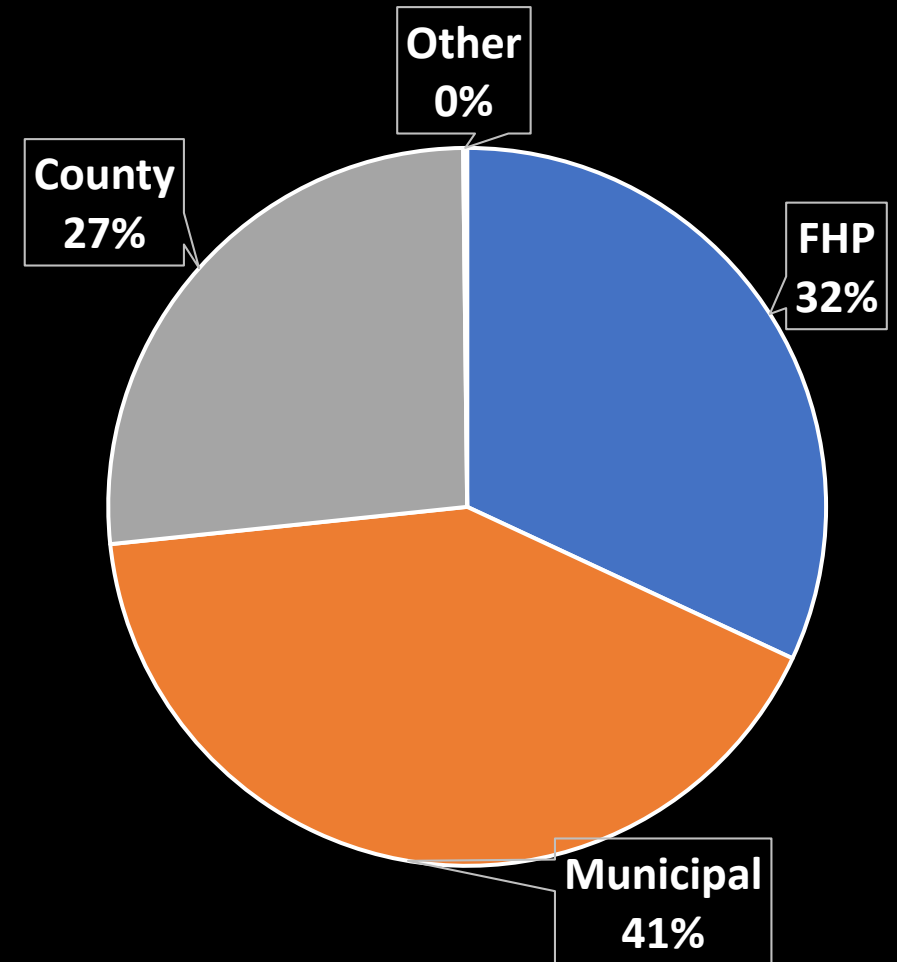
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# Who's issuing the OP citations in Florida?

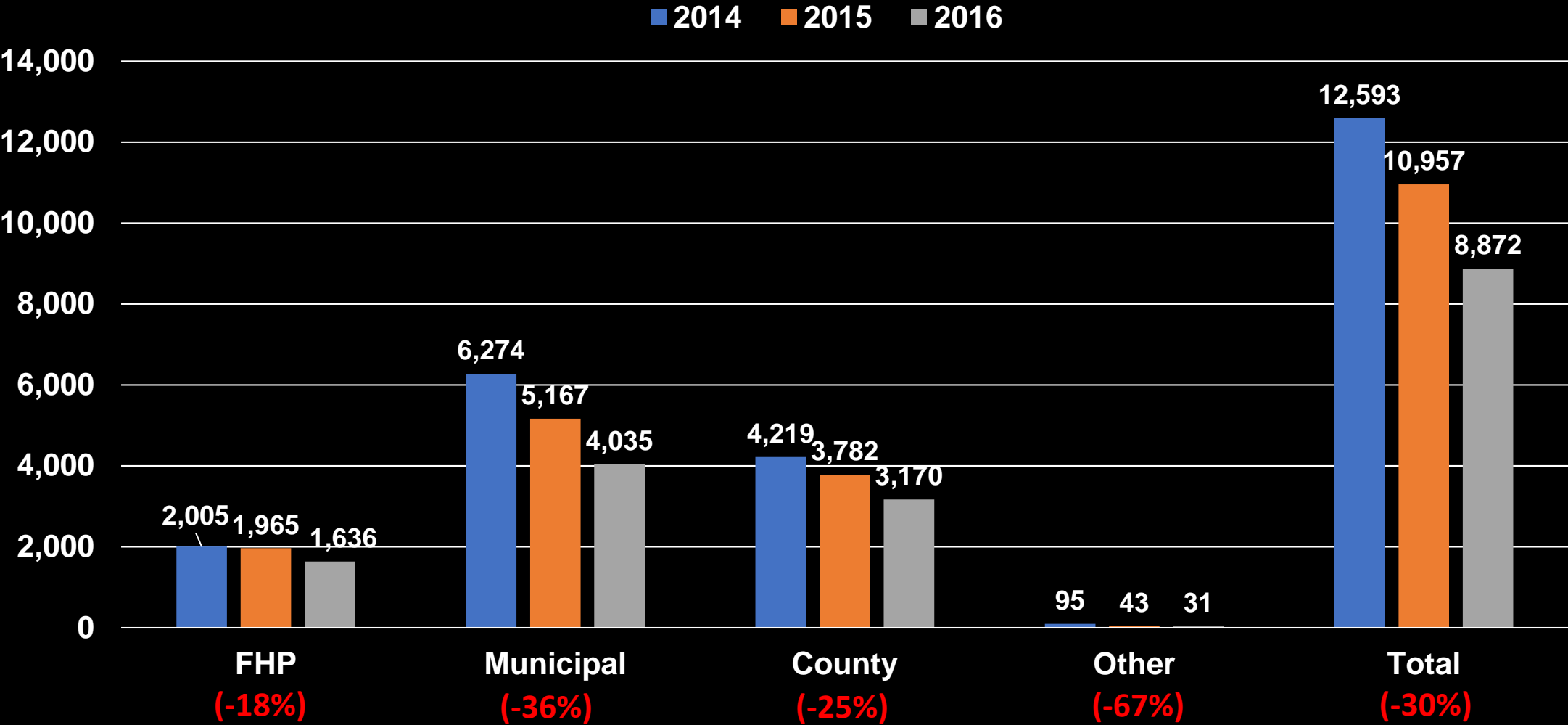
Child Restraint: 2014-2016



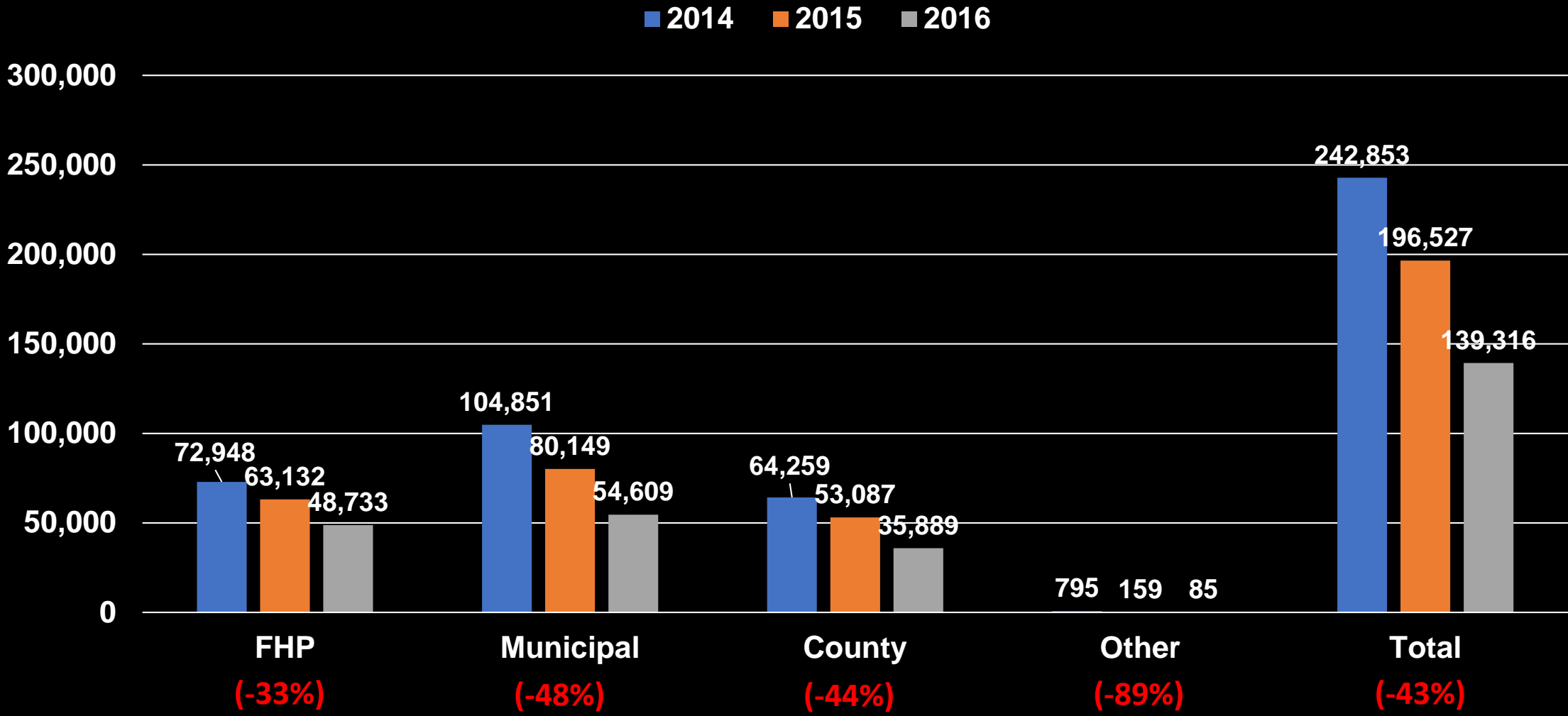
Safety Belt: 2014-2016



# Number of Child Restraint Citations Issued by Agency Type per Year: 2014-2016

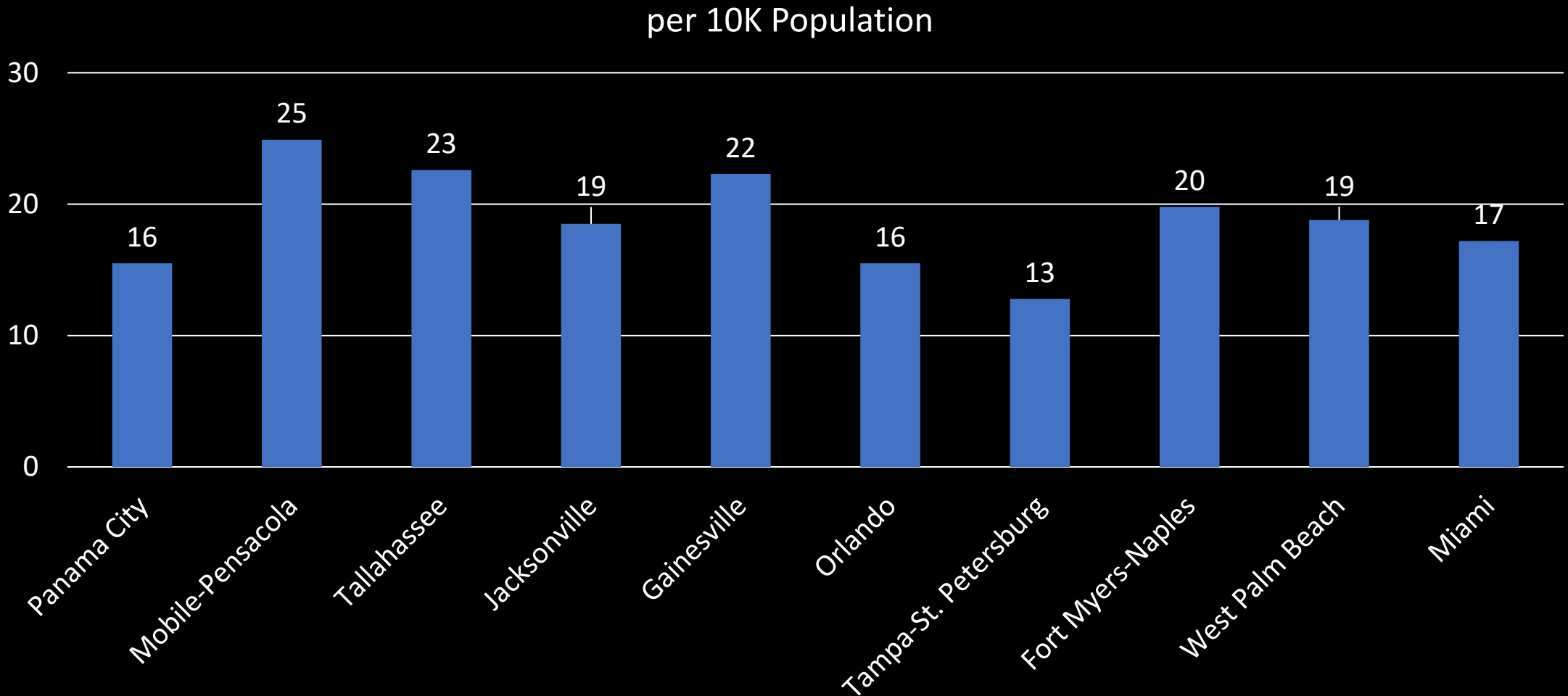


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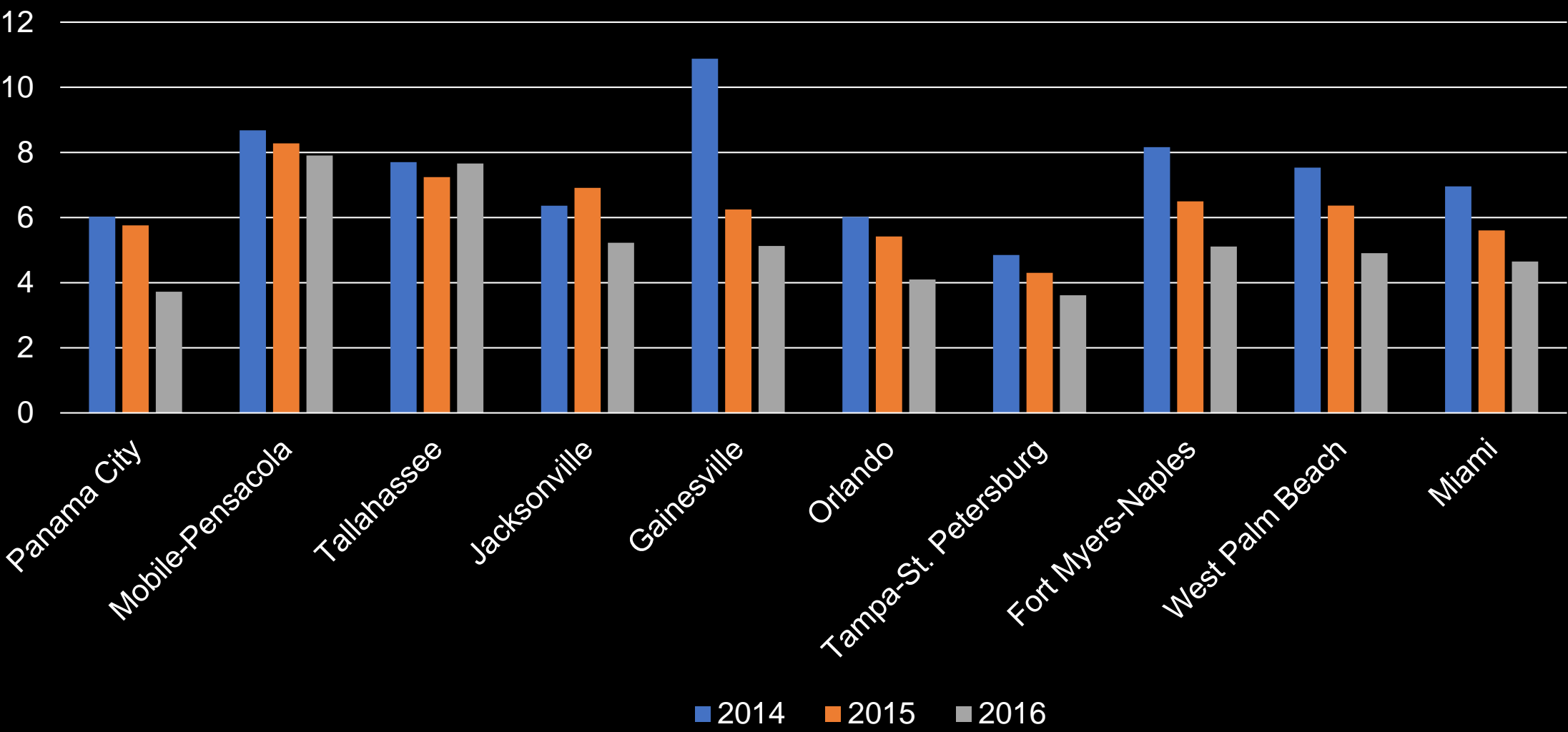




## Child Restraint Citations Issued per DMA: 2014-2016

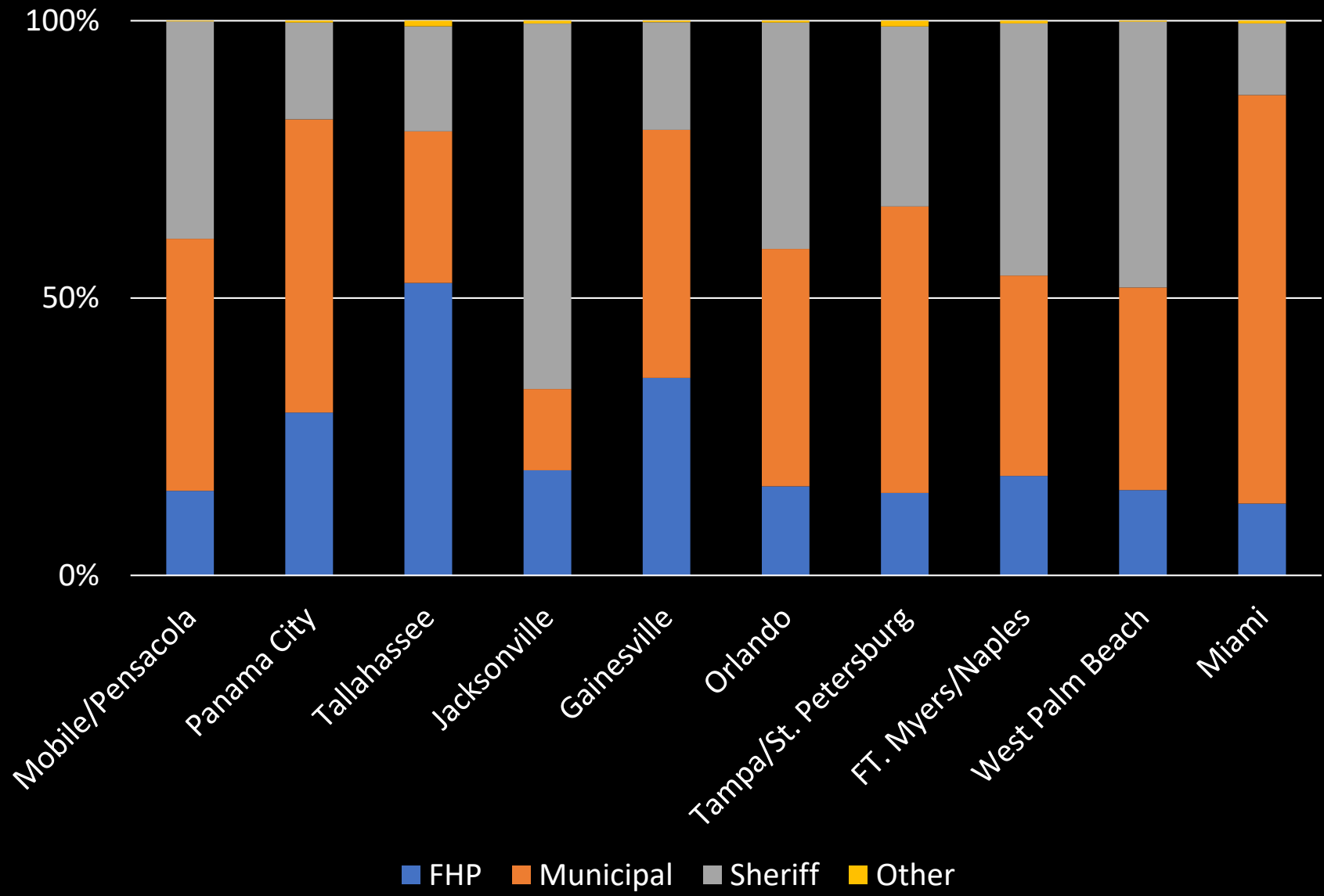


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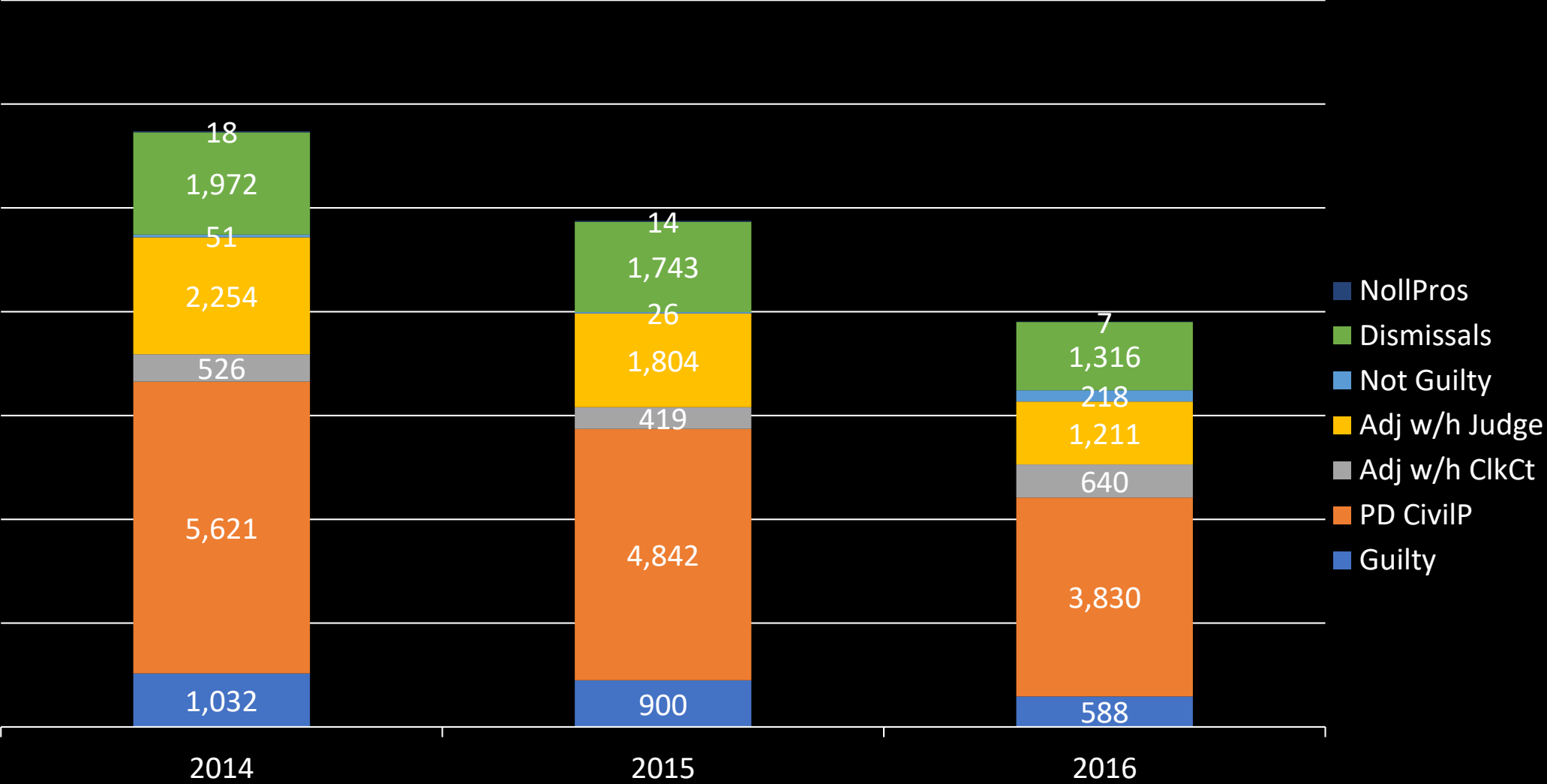


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**Citations**  
**Issued per**  
**DMA and Law**  
**Enforcement**  
**Agency Type:**  
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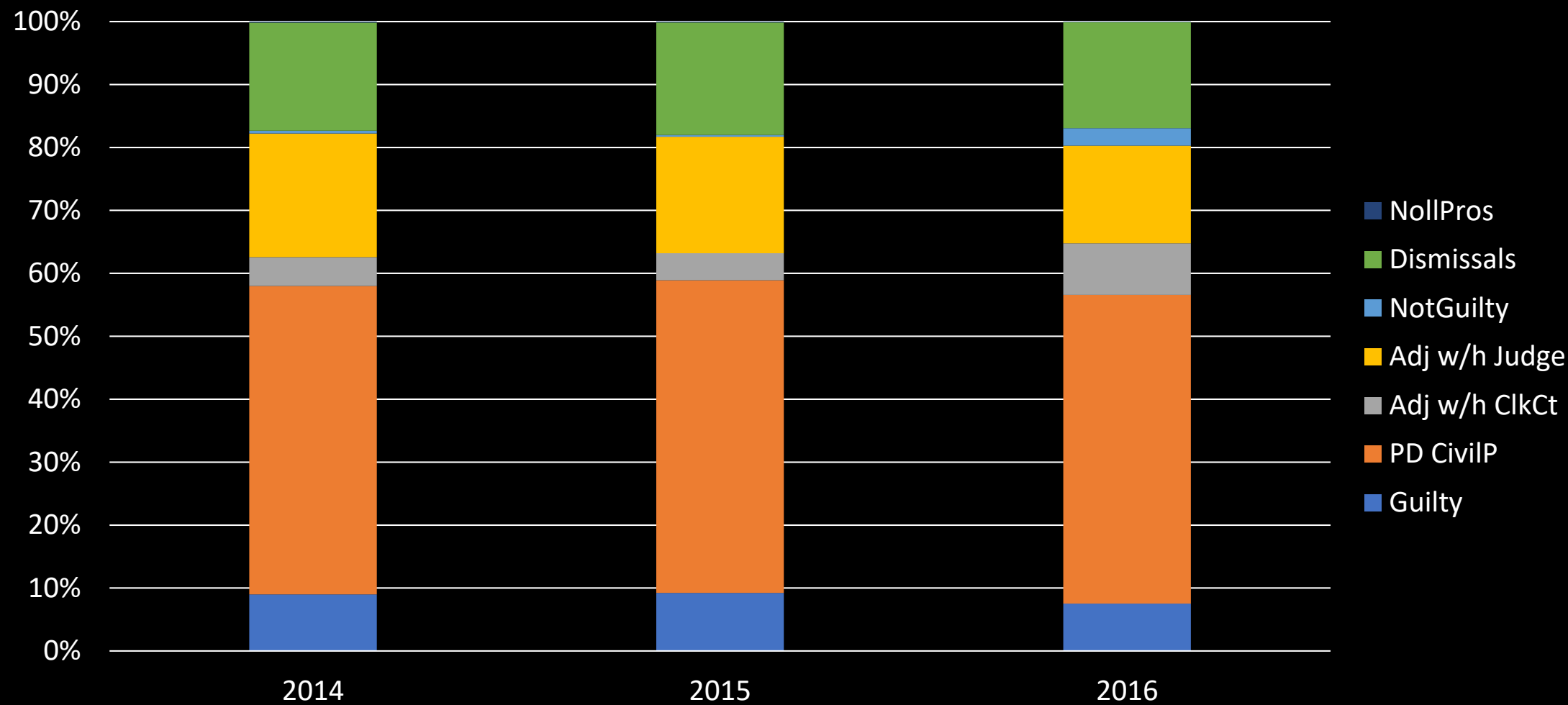
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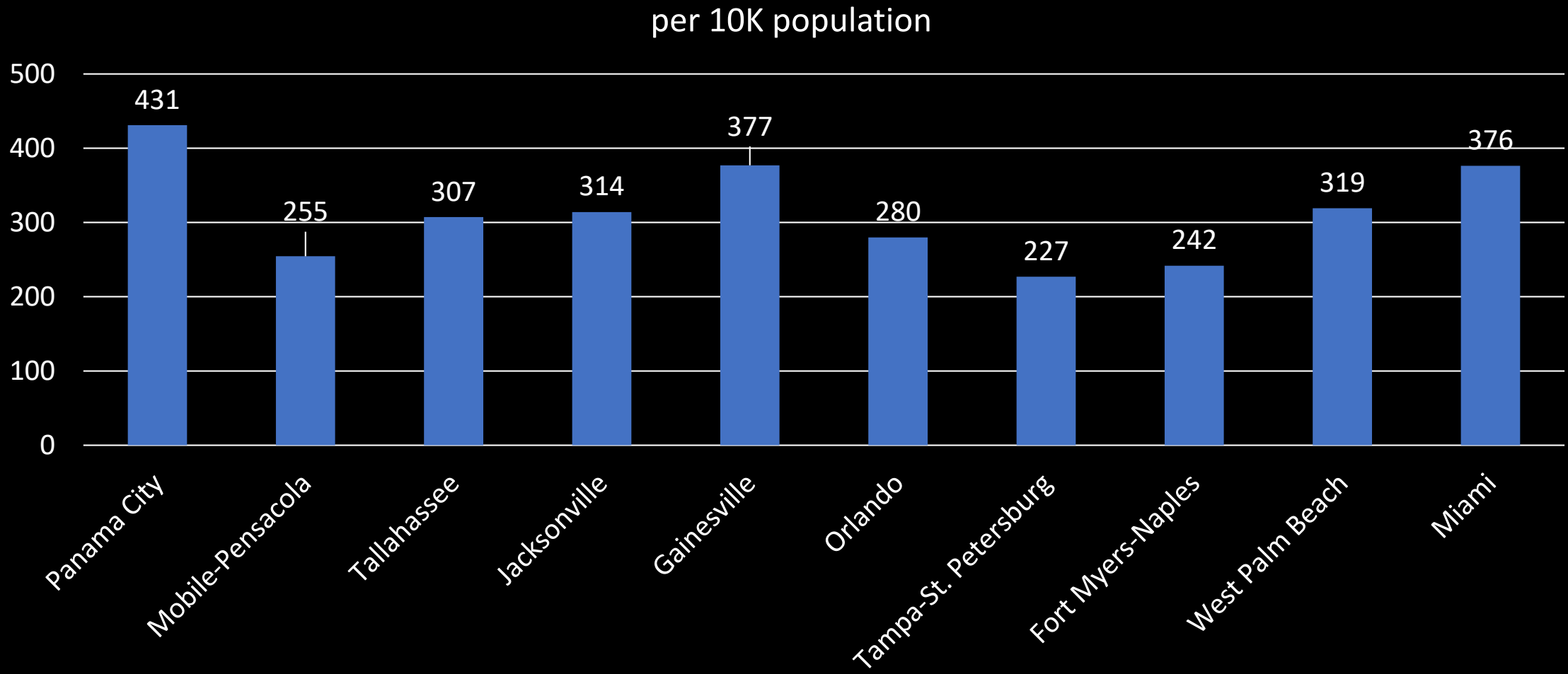
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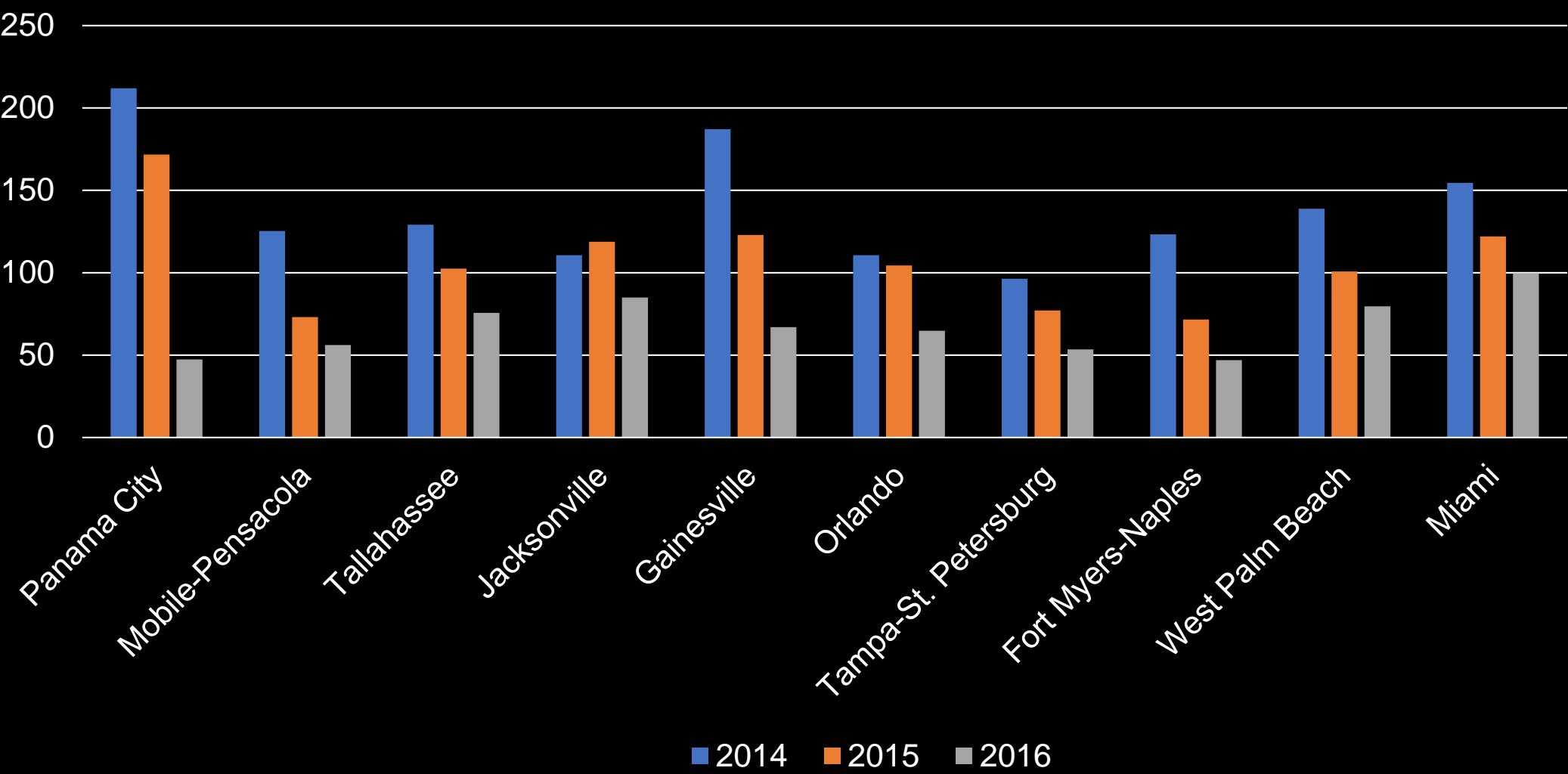
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# Safety Belt Citations Issued per DMA: 2014-2016



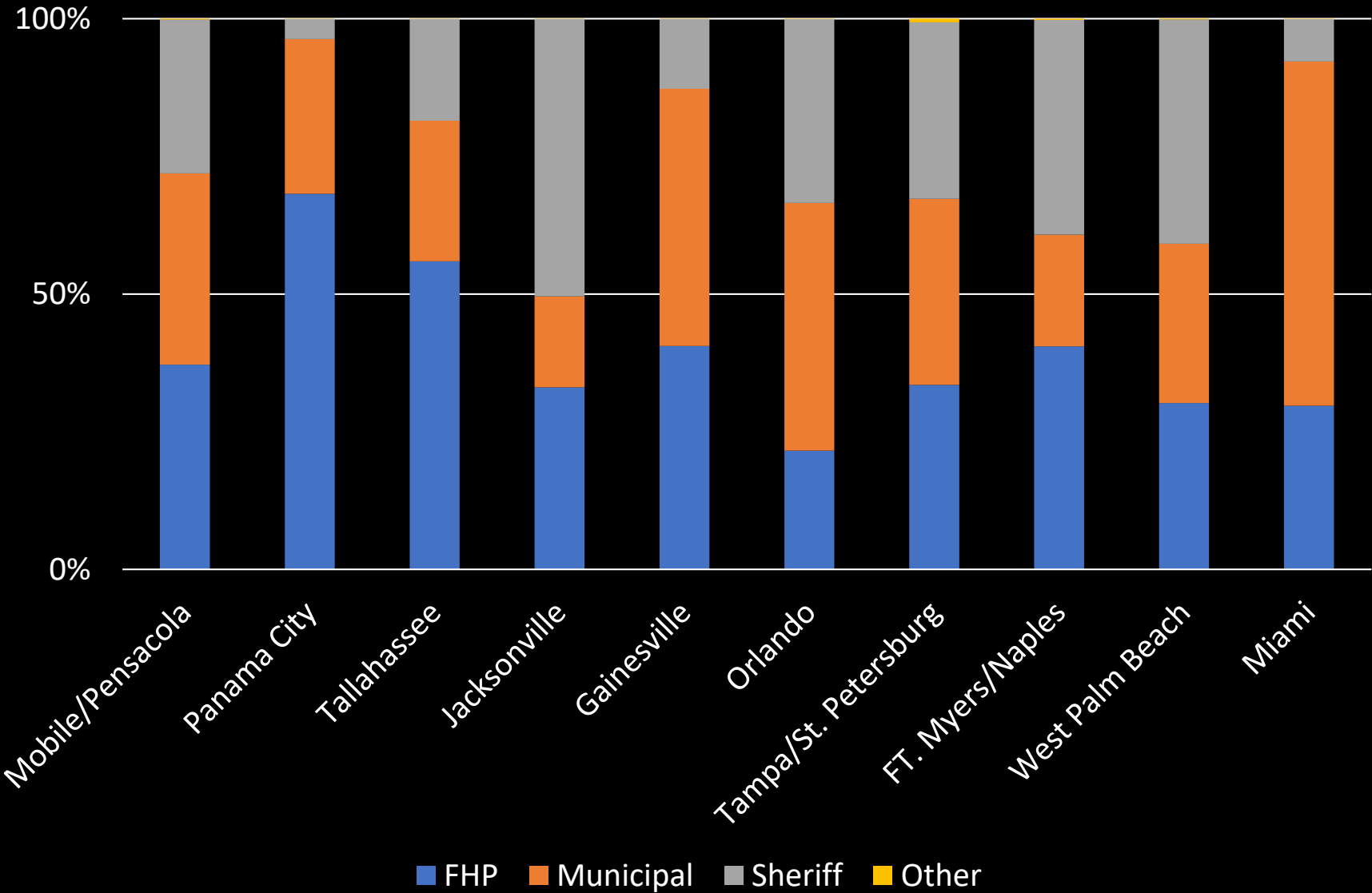
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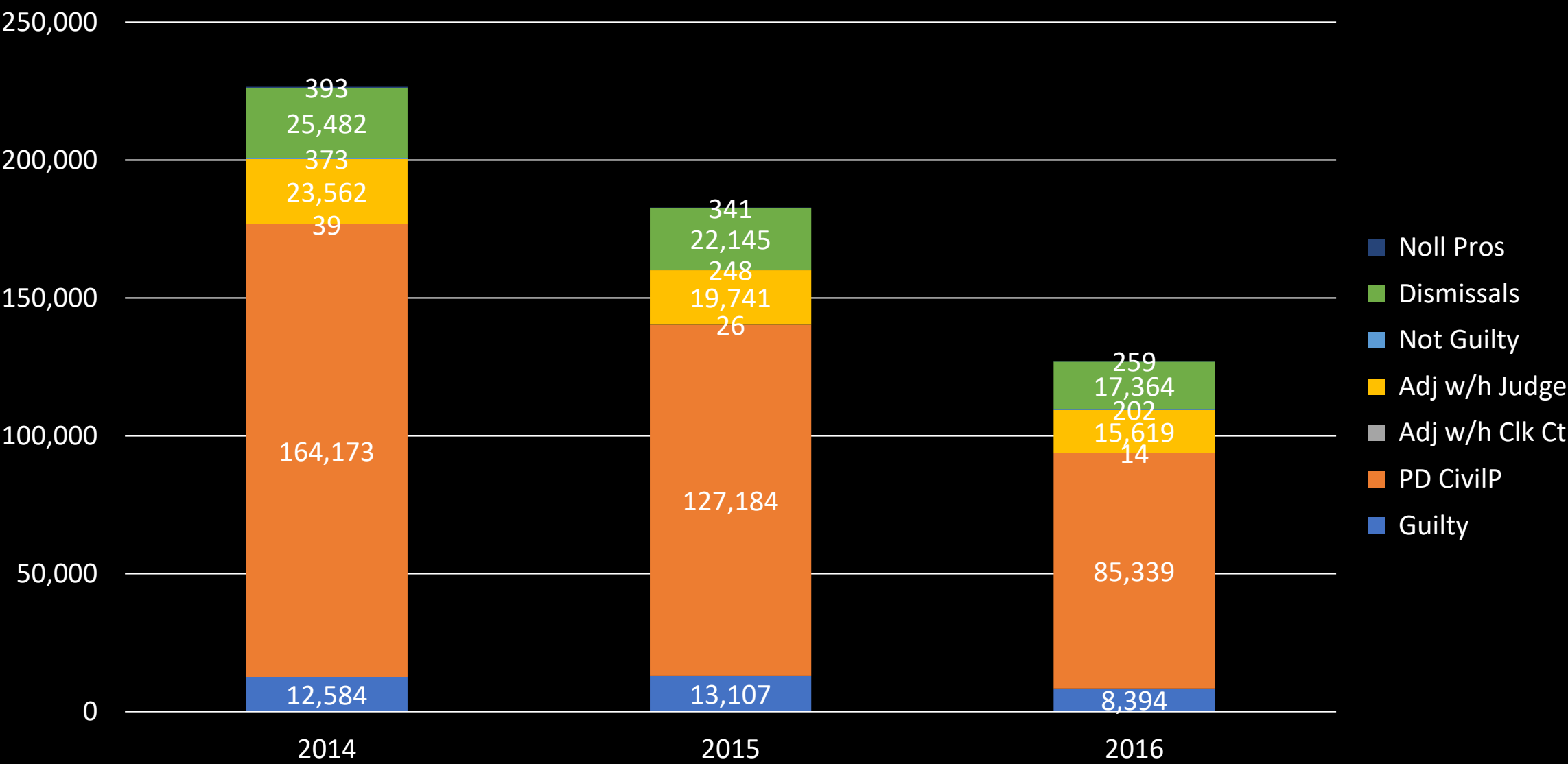


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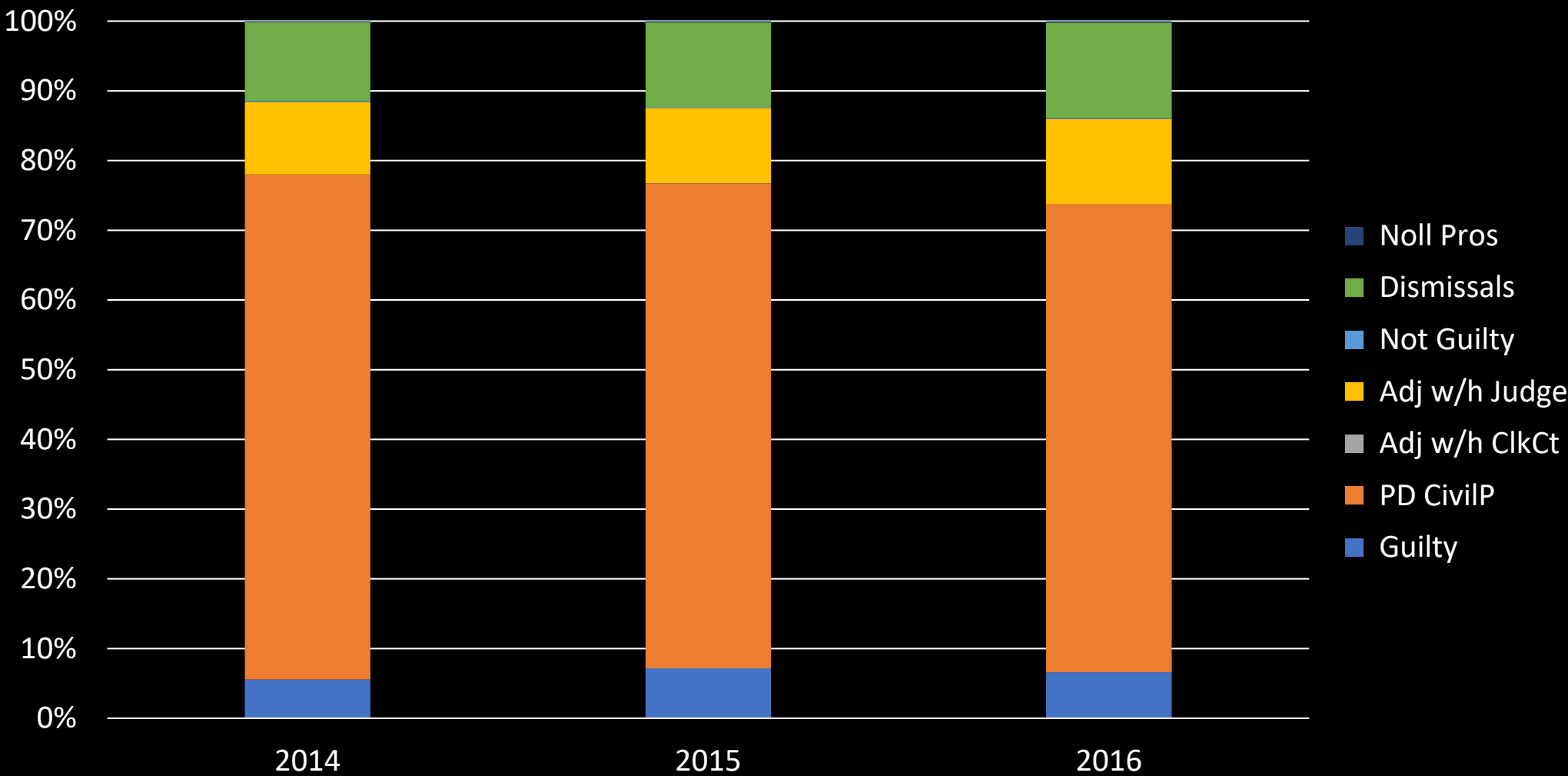
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# Adjudications of Safety Belt Citations Issued: 2014-2016



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## SUMMARY

The number of OP citations is trending downward in Florida; and across the U.S.

Observation data (front seat belt use) and FARS data indicate restraint usage is improving in passenger vehicles

Passenger vehicle fatalities are currently rising in number and the increase in restrained fatalities is greater than unrestrained fatalities

## SUMMARY

An important element in our efforts to improve seat belt use is enforcement

High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) is a proven and useful countermeasure

HVE requires both traffic enforcement and publicity

QUESTION

IN REGARDS TO  
ENFORCMENT →

How low can we go?

Is there a bottom threshold?

Next

Continue digging in the UTC data to follow trends and use it to identify targets for improvement

OP Task Force should work together to determine useful questions for the UTC data